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SUBJ: SOVIET-ROMANIAN CONSULTATIONS

1. FEBRUARY 19 SCINTEIA REPORTS "FRIENDLY" VISIT
OF RCP PARTY SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
STEFAN ANDREI TO MOSCOW (FEBRUARY 16-18) FOR TALKS
ON "CONTINUAL DEEPENING" OF ROMANIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS,
AS WELL AS ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND COMMUNIST AFFAIRS
PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. ANDREI SAW POLITBURO
MEMBER KIRILENKO AND CPUSSR SECRETARY KATUSHEV.
DEPFONMIN GLIGA WAS ALSO IN MOSCOW (SCINTEIA,
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FEBRUARY 18, 1977) FOR TALKS ON "INTERNATIONAL
LAW." WE ASSUME GLIGA WAS THERE FOR NORMAL
LAW OF SEA CONSULTATIONS AND POSSIBLY TO DISCUSS
PRE-BELGRADE MEETING OF WARSAW PACT COUNCIL OF
FOREIGN MINISTERS, BUT SO FAR HAVE LITTLE INFOR-
MATION ON ANDREI'S VISIT.

2. SOVIET COUNSELOR POZDNIAKOV TOLD SWEDISH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 18 (PRESUMABLY WITH TONGUE IN CHEEK) THAT ANDREI WOULD DISCUSS COORDINATION OF PLANS FOR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF 1877 BATTLE OF PLEVNA, BUT SAID LITTLE OF OTHER SUBJECTS ON AGENDA. POZDNIAKOV ALSO SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN RCP PARTY SECRETARY FOR PROPAGANDA CORNEL BURTICA AND HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART (HE WASN'T SURE IT WOULD BE SUSLOV) WOULD TAKE PLACE IN MARCH ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. HE ALSO TOLD SWEDISH EMBOFF THAT A MEETING OF PRIME MINISTERS WAS PLANNED, BUT SOVIET SIDE WAS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES SINCE " WE DON'T KNOW WHO THE ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER MIGHT BE." (COMMENT: POZDNIAKOV LATER OPINED THAT IT MIGHT WELL BE CURRENT DEPPRIMMIN GHEORGHE OPREA).

3. SOVIETS REPEATED TO SWEDISH EMBOFF WHAT THEY HAVE TOLD SEVERAL OTHER DIPLOMATS HERE, I.E. THAT THEY UNDERSTAND A CEAUSESCU VISIT TO CHINA THIS YEAR HAS BEEN AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE, ALTHOUGH DATES NOT YET ESTABLISHED.
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